

MARK ORGILL AND RACHEL ISABEL SMITH ORGILL



Mark Orgill was born in Burslam, Derbyshire, England, on May 27, 1851, son of Thomas and Ann Cartwright Orgill. He married Rachel Isabel Smith on June 20, 1875, at Mt. Pleasant. She was born on Provo Bench, October 8, 1859, daughter of Jackson Osbourne and Mary Marie Owens Smith. Mark died September 22, 1905, and Rachel died April 3, 1939, at Daniel.

When he was nine years old his mother died, so Mark, being the eldest boy, stopped his schooling to help his father in the adobe manufacturing business.

At the age of 17 he came to America with his father and five brothers and sisters as converts to the LDS Church. They sailed with the 148th company on the steamship "Colorado," on July 14, 1868, and arrived in Salt Lake City on September 2, 1868.

The family moved to Mt. Pleasant and went into the adobe manufacturing business. Later Mark moved to Wellington, Juab County, where he homesteaded 160 acres. He and Rachel were married by Edward Clift.

Rachel's parents moved from Provo to Center Creek, Wasatch County, to the Jeff Hundley place, from there to Jordanell, and finally they had to return to Iowa and Nebraska, where her father could find work to support his wife and 14 children.

They returned to Utah, settling in Midway, Wasatch County, where they lived in the fort, and she attended school in the schoolhouse inside the fort. From Midway they moved to Scipio and lived on a farm a few years, and from there down the Sevier River to Wellington, where she met her husband.

Their first home in Wellington was a dugout, with logs for a roof and a window in the gable for light. While living here their first six children were born.

Mark contracted rheumatism early in life and was unable to work for wages, so in the year 1886 they moved to Daniel, Wasatch County, where eight more children were born. Mark suffered with rheumatism for 30 years, but farmed on shares, with the help of his sons, until they were able to get their own land cleared to farm.

Mark was watermaster for the Strawberry and Willow Creek Canal Companies for about 16 years, giving splendid service. He always rode a buckskin mare, "Old Maude." He was clerk for Daniel Ward until it was joined with the Buysville Ward in 1903. He acted as trustee and clerk for Daniel precinct before consolidation and was justice of the peace.

Rachel did much Church work in the Primary and in the Relief Society, serving as president of the latter organization. She was a fine seamstress, and sewed temple clothes and wedding dresses. For many years she was on call at any time for nursing duty.

She and Mark were the parents of 14 children: Mary Ann, Thomas Jackson, Joseph Alvin, Emma Jane, Elizabeth Maude, Edith, James William, Bessie, Arabella, Minnie and Lillie (twins), Phoebe Hannah, Ethel and Dora Levette.

